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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4607

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RESIDENCE LOCKS

1. IN OCTOBER, 1974, AN INTRUDER ENTERED THE STAFF APARTMENT OF AN EMBASSY SECRETARY AND ATTEMPTED TO MOLEST HER. HE WAS FRIGHTENED AWAY BY HER SCREAMS AND LEFT THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR. SINCE NO SIGN OF FORCED ENTRY WAS FOUND, POLICE CONCLUDED THAT THE INTRUDER HAD FOUND A DOOR OPEN. SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, FOUR SEPARATE INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE STAFF APARTMENTS IN WHICH RESIDENTS HAVE FOUND THEIR FRONT DOORS INEXPLICABLY OPEN IN THE MORNING. THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT OCCURRED LAST WEEK IN WHICH NEIGHBORS DISCOVERED THE DOOR OF A SECRETARY WHO WAS ON LEAVE STANDING OPEN.

2. INVESTIGATION BY THE RSO RESULTS IN NO SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THESE INCIDENTS AND LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MASTER KEY SYSTEM OF STAFF RESIDENCES HAS BEEN COMPROMISED IN SOME WAY. ALTHOUGH A CAREFUL INVENTORY OF MASTER KEYS HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND THEY ARE ISSUED ONLY TO THE MOST RESPONSIBLE EMBASSY PERSONNEL, THE EMPLOYEES' CONFIDENCE IN THEIR RESIDENCE LOCKS HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED.

3. THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER HAS MADE A STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF PERSONAL SAFETY AND TO PRECLUDE A FURTHER SERIOUS INCIDENT, THE EXISTING LOCKING SYSTEM WHICH IS A CONTROLLED KEY SYSTEM OWNED

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BY THE EMBASSY, BE UPDATED.

4. COST OF UPDATING THE PRESENT CONTROLLED SYSTEM FOR ALL EMBASSY OFFICIAL APARTMENTS PRESENTLY ON THE CONTROLLED KEY SYSTEM, IS SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$6,445). REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE.HUMES

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